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Marconi Lecture

Radio Experimenters are in for a treat on Wednesday next April the 13th, when an illustrated lecture entitled "Marconi - the Irish connection" will be given by Professor Michael Sexton at the Old City Gaol and Radio Museum in Sundays Well in Cork City.

Professor Sexton recently published a book on Marconi's activities in Ireland and will cover in detail all of Marconi's installations in Ireland. This very interesting presentation should not to be missed. An added bonus is that the Radio Museum will open specially for those attending the lecture from seven O'clock and Larry EI8FJB will be on hand to guide visitors around the excellent displays.

The lecture starts at eight O'clock and admission to the museum and lecture will cost five euro. The event is being organised by Region 5 of the Irish Radio Transmitters Society. Enquiries to Dave Moore EI4BZ on 087-6290574.

Cork Radio Club

The Annual General Meeting of the Cork Radio Club took place at Wilton Park House on Monday March 21st last. Reviews and reports of the club's activities over the past year were presented. The chairman, Jeremy, in welcoming everyone commented on the club's involvement with IRTS, having in the last year no less than six of its members on the national committee, including past president Dave Moore EI4BZ and current Vice President Finbarr EI1CS. It is hoped to plan more activity during the coming year.

John EI3EC, the clubs Hon Vice President presided over the election of officers and committee for the coming year and the following were elected. Chairman, Stephen O'Leary EI6JA. Hon. Secretary, Finbarr EI1CS, Treasurer Dick EI6HH and members Anatoly EI4JF, Pat EI2GHB and Dave EI9FBB.

Important Information for 2-metre Counties Contest Entrants The Spring 2 metre Counties Contest took place on Easter Monday last. The closing date for receipt of Logs is Wednesday April 27th 2005. Logs arriving after this date will not be accepted. Important. If emailing logs please ensure that they are sent to contests at irts dot ie. Please use this address only as logs sent to other email addresses may be lost due to spam filtering, all logs submitted by email will be acknowledged on receipt, if you do

not receive a receipt within 24 hours contact the Contest Manager. Paper logs should be sent directly to Noel EI2JC at QTHR. The e-mail address again is contests at irts.ie.

Enniskillen Rally

The annual mobile rally, by the Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club will take place next Sunday, the 17th of April at a new location, which is located five miles from Enniskillen on the Enniskillen to Kesh road. This is the Manor House Hotel, where Doors open at 12 noon with all the usual traders. More information and map at uk.geocities.com/enniskillenrally Club contact is Herbie Graham on (028) 048 66387761.

Mini Marathon On Monday the 6th of June, EI2BY will be providing emergency radio coverage of the women's mini-marathon. If you would like to take part in this special event licensed by ComReg as EI2WMM please contact George Adjaye, EI2CPB by fax on 01 4908546 or phone 086 2586103. You can also e-mail George at adjayeg at dcu.ie. Please provide your name, phone number and callsign. Also note that you will require a 2-metre rig of your own for the event.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

Over the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd of April last, Tipperary Amateur Radio Group, with assistance from others provided radio communications for almost all of the walks of the Glen of Aherlow Walking Festival. Radio Personnel were on all but the 'C' walk on Sunday.

Over 250 walkers participated over the course of the two days, TARG would like to thank all those who helped out with communications over the weekend.

Experimenters involved in the event were; EI7IG, EI3FFB, EI3IQ, EI9HR, EI5HE, EI3ENB, EI2HI, EI3FU, EI8JA, EI5JF, EI2JB and EI2IT.

For more information on Tipperary Amateur Radio Group, visit www.ei7trg.org

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South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The next general meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday the 27th of April 2005. The meeting will feature a talk and demonstration of APRS by John Ronan EI7IG and John McCarthy EI8JA.

The date of the 2005 Waterford Rally has been announced. The rally will take place on the 16th of October 2005 in the McEniff, Ard Ri Hotel. Waterford. More information will be announced in future bulletins and at www.searg.com

Mayo Radio Experimenters Network

The Mayo REN Competition Results for January and February 2005 are;

In joint 1st place was John McAndrew EI3JM and Jimmy Kelly EI2GCB. Padraic Baynes EI9JA took second place. 3rd place went to John Browne EI7FAB. 4th was Brendan Minish EI6IZ and Mike Hayes EI2EO was 5th.

The Mayo Radio Experimenters network has announced that classes for instruction in the theory will recommence in September.

Dates for your Diary

The Holyland DX Contest and the EU Spring Sprint (CW) will take place on Saturday the 16th of April and the YU DX contest will take place over the same weekend of the 16th and 17th. International Marconi Day will take place on Saturday the 23rd of April.

The SP DX RTTY Contest will take place on the 23rd and 24th of April.

The National Mills Weekend in the UK takes place over the weekend of the 7th and 8th of May 2005. More information can be had from www.g4cdd.net/mills.html The IRTS CW Field Day will take place on the weekend of June the 5th and 6th 2005.

International Marconi Day (23rd April 2005)

International Marconi Day (IMD) is a 24-hour amateur radio event held annually to celebrate the birth of Guglielmo Marconi on the 25th of April 1874. The IMD event is not a contest, it is an opportunity for amateurs around the world to make point-to-point contact with historic Marconi sites using HF communications techniques similar to those used by Marconi, and to gain an attractive Award for achieving the requisite number of Marconi stations worked.

International Marconi Day is usually held on the Saturday closest to Marconi's birthday, when amateur radio stations are established and operated from or near original historic sites. This year, the event will take place on the 23rd of April. These

stations are known as the 'Award Stations' and are listed on the IMD Web Site. The list is regularly updated as the various stations confirm their availability to operate. For more information visit gb4imd.co.uk.

Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend

The 2004 International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend took place over the weekend 21/22 August 2004 when over 380 lighthouse stations were established in 52 countries. A full list of stations with their details can be found at illw.net/2004_list.htm

This year the event will run from 0001 UTC on the 20th of August until 2359 UTC on the 21st of August 2005.

Guidelines for the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend 2005 can be found at illw.net/index.html So come and join the fun and let us have over 400 stations at lighthouses or lightships.

World Amateur Radio Day 2005

The World Amateur Radio Day 2005 Award is designed to commemorate the World Amateur Radio Day celebrated by IARU on the 18th of April each year. It is issued by the Polish Radio Amateurs Journal, with support of PZK, The Polish Amateur Radio Union.

WARD 2005 will be granted for at least the following numbers of contacts: either 10 QSO's on HF bands, or 5 QSO's on VHF bands. All contacts must be made between 00:00 and 24:00 UTC on the 18th of April 2005. Send a standard application form (log extract), including the list of QSO's, to:

MK QTC, The Radio Amateurs' Journal, Suchacz-Zamek, Wielmozy 5b, 82-340 Tolkmicko, Poland on or before the 31st of May 2005. The price of the WARD 2005 Award is 5 US dollars or 5 euro. The WARD 2005 Award is also available to SWL's for the same numbers of reports.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark EI7IS. News should be submitted via e-mail to news@irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Fridays.

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